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MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.						
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.						
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\sum \\$55.00 (2814) \$\sum \\$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \\$ 1.20(d) are also enclosed.						
X	Also enclosed is/are replacement sheet for Figs. 1a-1c and excerpts from three web pages						
	Small entity status is hereby claimed.						
	Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).						
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.						
	Applicant(s) previously submitted						
	on						
	for which continued examination is requested.						
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.						
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.						

No additional claim fee is required.

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AMENDED CLAIMS							
	No. of Claims	Highes of Cla Previo Paid	aims ously	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	27	MINUS	27 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00	
Independent Claims	9	MINUS	9 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)						\$ 0.00	
Total Claim Amendment Fee						\$ 0.00	
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0.00	

A check in the amount of	of is enclosed for the fee due.
Charge	to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.
Charge	to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004 (Paper No. 20040227). Concurrently filed with this Amendment are replacement sheets for Figures 1a-1c and excerpts from three web pages. Please amend the above-noted application as follows: